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## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A diagnostic method for predicting the recurrence of a tumor or cancer in a human comprising:

- (a) contacting a human physiological sample suspected of being tumorigenic or cancerous with a Survivin-specific antibody that binds to mature human Survivin, wherein the Survivin-specific antibody comprises a first label, and a pro-apoptosis factor (PAF)-specific antibody comprising a second label, wherein the PAF is Fas, under conditions effective to bind protein present in the tissue sample to the antibodies so as to yield a first population of protein bound to the Survivin-specific antibody and a second population of protein bound to the PAF-specific antibody;
- (b) quantifying the first and second populations of labeled protein to determine an amount of Survivin and an amount of PAF present in the sample; and
- (c) calculating the ratio of the amount of Survivin and the amount of PAF; wherein a Survivin:PAF ratio of more than about 1.5 is predictive that the tumor will recur.
- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the Survivin:PAF ratio of more than about 1.6 is predictive that the tumor will recur.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the Survivin:PAF ratio of more than about 2.0 is predictive that the tumor will recur.
- 4-6. (Canceled)
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the physiological sample is a tissue sample.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the tissue sample is a tissue-lysate protein sample.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the tissue is from a solid tumor.

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10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the solid tumor is a childhood tumor.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the childhood tumor is a Neuroblastoma,
Pediatric renal tumor, Hepatoblastoma, Rhabdomysosarcoma, an undifferentiated sarcoma, a
germ cell tumor, or an endocrine tumor.

- 12. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the solid tumor is an adult tumor.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the adult tumor is a tumors of the nervous system, of the gastrointestinal or urogenital tract, or a sarcoma.
- 14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the physiological sample is a fluid.
- 15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the fluid is whole blood or blood serum.
- 16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the Survivin-specific antibody is a member of a population of polyclonal antibodies.
- 17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the PAF-specific antibody is a member of a population of polyclonal antibodies.
- 18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the Survivin-specific antibody is a monoclonal antibody.
- 19-21. (Canceled)
- 22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the PAF-specific antibody is a monoclonal antibody.
- 23. (Canceled)